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NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the slow progress of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) alongwith non-utilisation of funds thereunder in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of funds availability and utility of Nirmal Gram Puraskar scheme during the last two years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c) Drinking Water and sanitation are state subjects and as such State Governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water and sanitation to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, financial assistance and technical support is rendered to the State Governments through Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Accelerated Rural Water Supply programme (ARWSP) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) under Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP).

Allocation of fund under ARWSP is made on the basis of certain guidelines approved by the central government. Total Sanitation Campaign is a demand driven project based programme and there is no state-wise allocation.

For ensuring steady progress of the schemes, regular monitoring is done by obtaining monthly progress reports and holding periodic review meetings with the state officers.

(d) To add vigour to the implementation of the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Nirmal Gram Puraskar scheme has been introduced to incentivise the efforts of Panchayati Raj and other institutions in the rural areas. State-wise details of award money given in 2004-05 and 2005-06 are annexed. No award money has been given in 2006-07 so far.